

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with the filing of an RCE and in response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2003. In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-36 are pending.

Claims 1-36 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Miyamoto in view of Tarr. For at least the following reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended herein, are not rendered obvious by the combined teachings of the cited references. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has cited Tarr for its teaching of enabling games to be selected using game titles. However, neither Miyamoto nor Tarr disclose the feature of making a specific association between an emulator and a game title, so that when the game title is selected the corresponding game program is automatically executed using the emulator program as a result of the association between the emulator program and the game title. All of the independent claims herein have been amended to more clearly define this automatic emulation feature which results from the fact that, in accordance with the invention, the emulator program is made to have an association with a game title (see, e.g., Fig. 12a and 12b). Thus, the invention enables the user to simply select game titles for execution without regard to whether or not an emulator is needed and, if so, what specific emulator is needed. As a result, the user does not have to have any knowledge

regarding the appropriate emulator or have to specifically select an emulator. Instead, the association between the game title and the emulator enables the game machine to automatically execute the selected game program using the appropriate emulator assigned to that game title. Applicant respectfully submits that these features are not taught or suggested by the references of record, as defined in each of the amended independent claims herein.

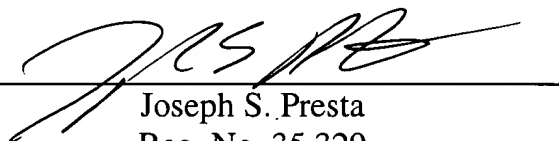
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that all of the pending claims clearly and patentably distinguish the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections and passage of this case to issuance at an early date are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions, or deem that any further issues need to be addressed prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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